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The attitude of the Governments of the Arab States toward UN action in the Korean question is generally one of approval. Egypt as a member of the Security Council voted for the Security Council's Resolution of June 25 but abstained from voting on the Resolution of June 27. The replies of the other Arab Governments to Secretary General Lie's first note indicated support of the Resolution of June 25 and a majority of the Arab Governments (Lebanon, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and Jordan—which is not a member of the UN) have informed us privately that they have aligned themselves unequivocally on the side of the western powers in the struggle against communism. No Arab state has offered ground troops, but we are informed that Lebanon may contribute $50,000 in cash. All the Arab states have made record of their strong feeling that the UN should enforce its Resolutions concerning Palestine with the same firmness as it is dealing with the Korean question.

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Israel has indicated its complete support of the UN action in Korea but Government spokesmen have declared that it cannot contribute ground troops. The Communist party in Israel has legal status but does not have significant influence.

In the Arab states the Communist Party is outlawed, but communist underground movements are active in fostering popular discontent with existing governments as well as anti-western

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as anti-western and particularly anti-US sentiment which has arisen in all the Arab states because of our support for the establishment of the state of Israel. The estimated 750,000 Palestine-Arab refugees are likewise objects of c' munist propaganda. Bitterness in the Arab states over the Palestine controversy and economic difficulties in most of these states will continue to offer opportunities for communist propaganda and subversion, but communist activity in the "war of nerves" is not expected to change the present policy of the Arab states to oppose the spread of communism. Existing military forces in the Arab states and Israel are considered adequate to maintain internal security, but none of these states would be able to resist effectively a major armed attack. While we have no evidence that such an attack is impending, should elements friendly to Russia seize power in Iran or the northern portions of that country, some possibility exists that encouragement and support might then be given to a Kurdish uprising in the oil-rich northern provinces of Iraq. In the event of such uprisings communist subversive activities including sabotage and violence would undoubtedly be intensified in Syria and possibly Lebanon.

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